

Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall Museum Celebrated in Standards Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall Museum** with a Certificate of Recognition for completing an intensive year-long program that assessed their practices against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries* at a special event held on 3 December 2018. Greg Chemello, Administrator, Ipswich City Council and Councillor Jason Cook, Deputy Mayor, Lockyer Valley Regional Council joined M&G QLD to celebrate their achievements.

Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall Museum tells the stories of Ipswich people in the service and support of the Australian military, in peace and war. Located within the beautiful state heritage listed Soldiers' Memorial Hall, the Museum displays significant objects and stories that link the people of Ipswich to various events, conflicts and industries at home and abroad.

Did you know that the site of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall was once the main water source for the town of Ipswich, colloquially known as the 'pump yard'?

M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers are industry experts who play a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program. According to Reviewers matched to work with the Museum, Christine Ianna and Ian Jempson, Museum Consultants, "The team at Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall Museum are to be congratulated for their willingness to embrace the Standards Review Program. They used the Program to benchmark their policies, procedures and performance, and have enthusiastically engaged with us in discussions around initiatives to further improve the Museum."

Mick Corkery, Assistant Museum Coordinator, Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall Museum said, "Participation in the Standards Review Program has given us an improved understanding of the principles of conservation in order to better preserve and care for the collection."

M&G QLD's Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, said, "Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall Museum is to be commended for what they have achieved through their participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program, and for their plans to undertake a complete review of their collection policy and associated procedures."

M&G QLD's Standards Review Program supports museums and galleries to build skills and capacity; plan for a sustainable future; identify strategic priorities for improvement; develop an action plan; and ensure the safe-guarding and accessibility of community collections and stories. For more information on the Standards Review Program, please visit <http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5520>

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Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall Museum's profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on their outcomes from the Program.

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Image 1 Caption: Mick Corkery, Ipswich Soldiers Memorial Hall Museum receiving a Certificate of Recognition from Greg Chemello, Administrator, Ipswich City Council.

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Image Caption: Rob Wadley, President, Ipswich Sub Branch RSL Queensland with Mick Corkery and Paul Rodgers, Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall Museum.

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